

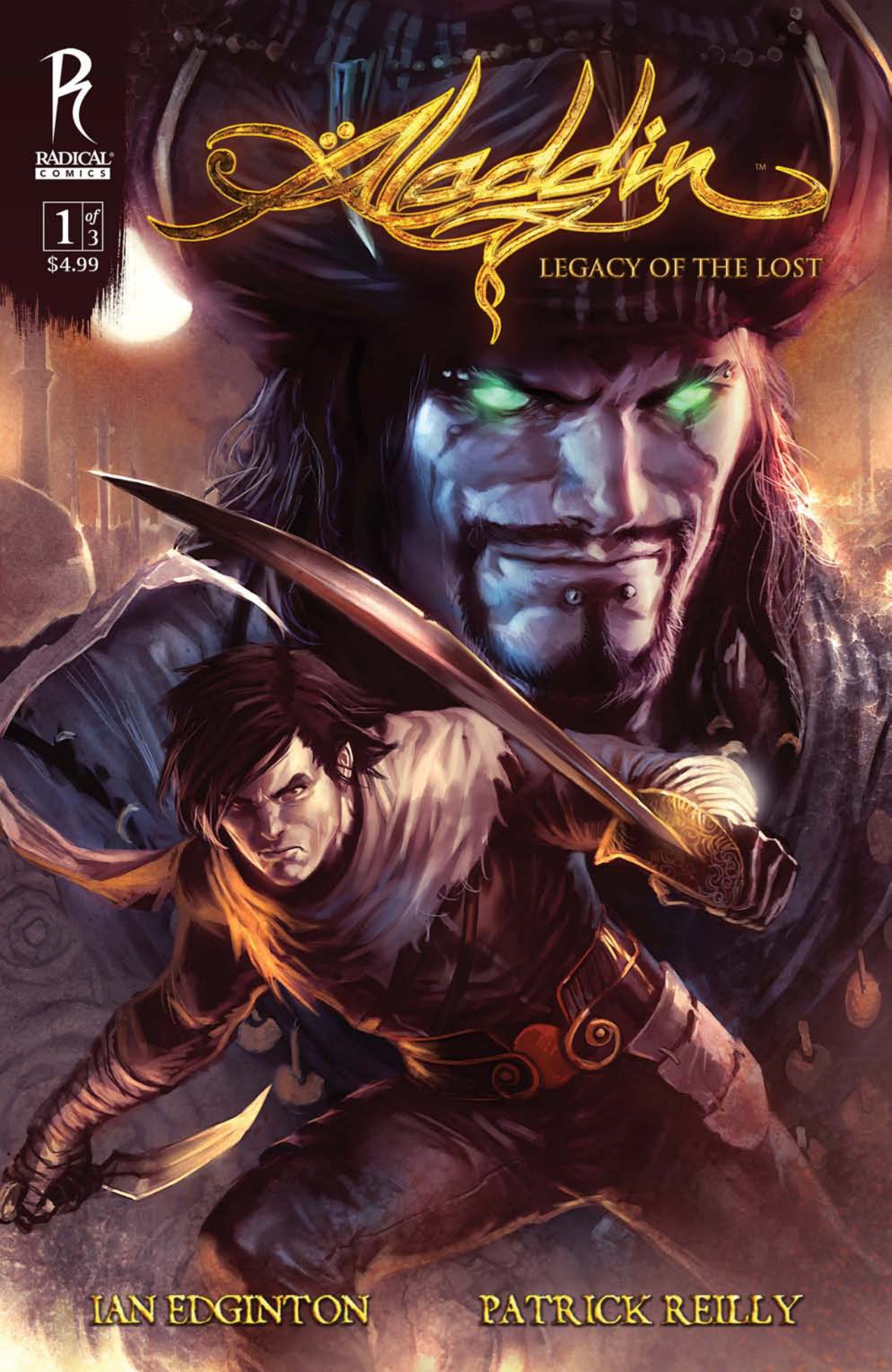
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"YOU'RE LATE!"




THE... UH,
INFORMATION YOU
WANTED WASN'T
EASY TO COME BY.
WE INCURRED...
ADDITIONAL COSTS. LIPS
TEND NOT TO LOOSEN
'LESS PALMS HAVE
BEEN GREASED,
IF Y'KNOW WHAT
I MEAN!

VERY
WELL, THIS
WILL COVER
IT.

YOU'RE
MOST GENEROUS,
MY LORD,
GASSIM.

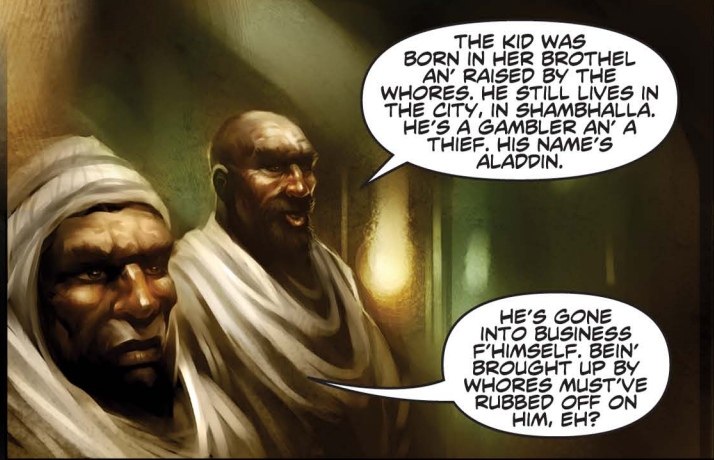


NOW, TELL ME EVERYTHING.



THE WOMAN YOU WANTED, SHE'S DEAD. BEEN IN THE DIRT THESE PAST TWENTY YEARS.

SHE HAD A CHILD... A SON. IN FACT, THAT'S HOW SHE DIED, IN CHILDBIRTH. SHE WAS LIVIN' ROUGH ON THE STREET WHEN THE MISTRESS OF A LOCAL BORDELLO TOOK PITY ON HER AN' GAVE HER SHELTER.



THE KID WAS BORN IN HER BROTHEL AN' RAISED BY THE WHORES. HE STILL LIVES IN THE CITY, IN SHAMBHALLA. HE'S A GAMBLER AN' A THIEF. HIS NAME'S ALADDIN.

HE'S GONE INTO BUSINESS F'HIMSELF. BEIN' BROUGHT UP BY WHORES MUST'VE RUBBED OFF ON HIM, EH?



WHEN I WANT YOUR OPINION, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!



WHERE IN SHAMBHALLA CAN I FIND THIS BOY?

IT'S ALL HERE. NAMES. PLACES.



VERY THOROUGH, BUT TELL ME, IF YOU WENT TO SUCH LENGTHS, WHY DID YOU NOT SIMPLY BRING HIM TO ME?



YOU SAID THAT YOU ONLY WANTED THE WOMAN. WHEN WE FOUND OUT SHE WAS DEAD WE TRAILED THE BOY INSTEAD... THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL? WE CAN GO BACK AN' GRAB HIM ANYTIME!

BUT IT'LL COST!



THAT'S RIGHT. WE HAVE OVERHEADS. BRIBES TO PAY, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS. IT'S BUSINESS!

OF COURSE. TELL ME, IS THIS EVERYTHING? THERE ARE NO NOTES? NO COPIES?

NOT A ONE, AS YOU REQUESTED.



VERY GOOD. UNFORTUNATELY, YOU'RE PROBABLY LYING THROUGH YOUR TEETH AND PLAN TO BETRAY ME AT THE EARLIEST OCCASION!



ERGO...



GNARRRGH!



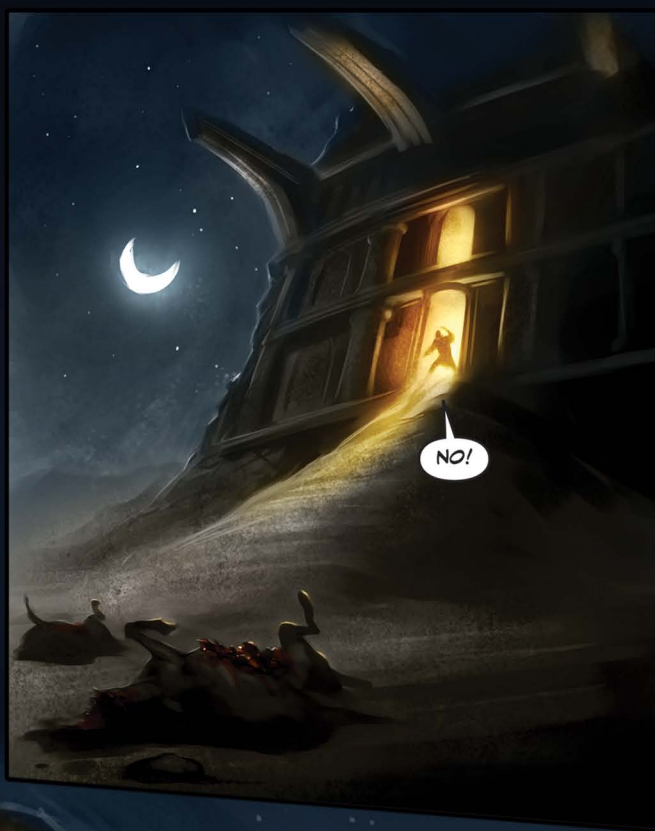
GIAAA!

BROTHER!



PLEASE,
HAVE MERCY!
I BEG YOU!

MERCY
IS FOR THE
WEAK. HOWEVER,
SINCE YOU ARE A
BUSINESSMAN, I WILL
GIVE YOU AN...
OPPORTUNITY.
NOW...



KSSSAAAAHH!

AAAAHH!









HOW LUCKY IS THAT?



LET US SEE... IF IT IS TRULY GOOD FORTUNE... OR FAKERY!



THEY'RE HOLLOW... WEIGHTED WITH LEAD! THEY'RE RIGGED!



HEY, COME ON, FAZIEL! I PICKED THOSE UP IN THE MARKET THIS MORNING! HOW WAS I TO KNOW THEY WERE LOADED?

DON'T PLAY THE FOOL WITH ME! IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT! I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN YOUR SHOES RIGHT NOW!



THAT'S GOOD THEN...

NHK!



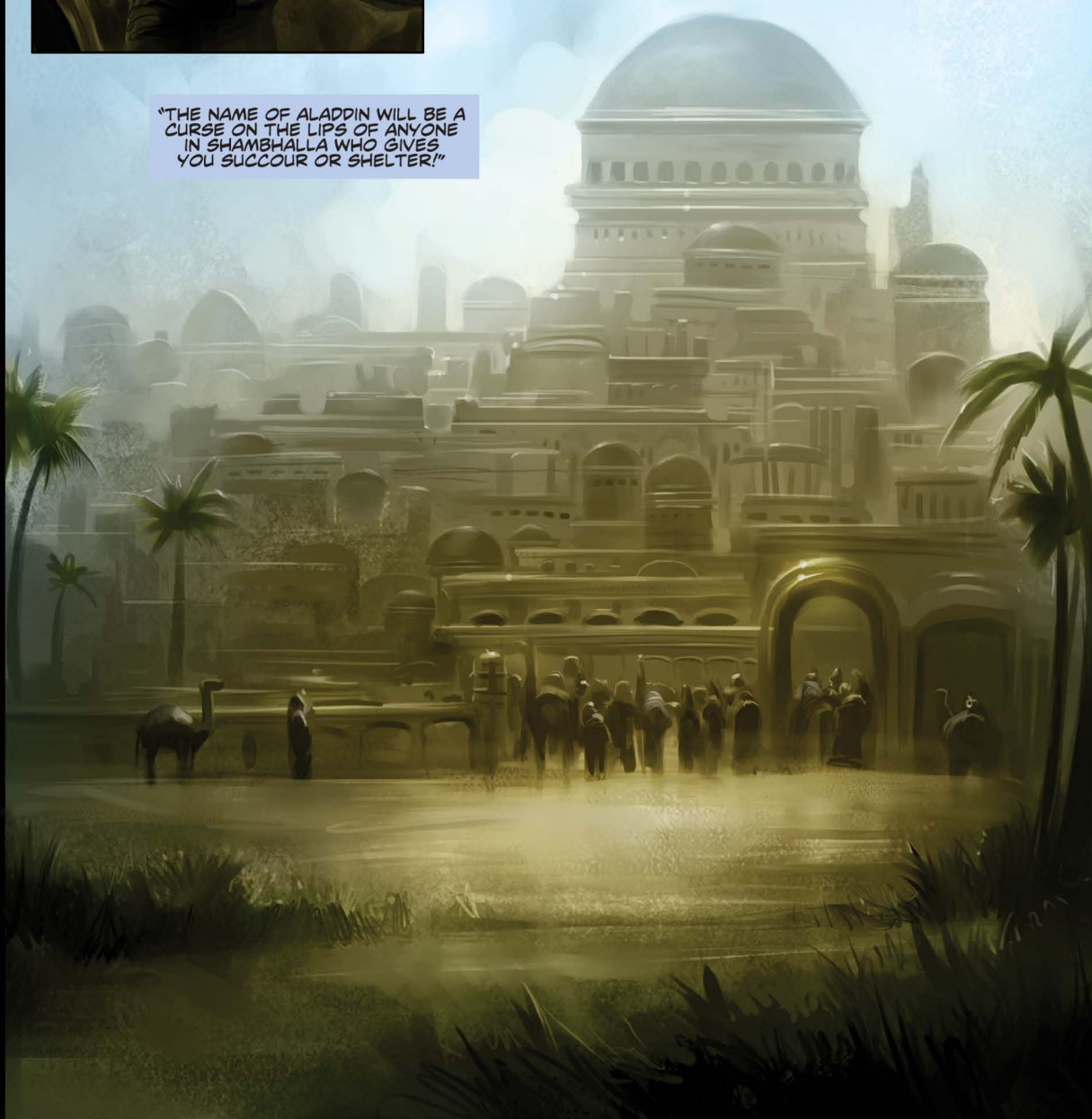








"THE NAME OF ALADDIN WILL BE A
CURSE ON THE LIPS OF ANYONE
IN SHAMBHALLA WHO GIVES
YOU SUCCOUR OR SHELTER!"



LATER.

"THE ALMIGHTY
PISSES IN MY
POCKET YET
AGAIN, IBRAHIM."





AS YOU
CAN SEE, THEY
TOOK BACK THEIR
LOSSES WITH
INTEREST!



THEY'RE KILLERS.
YOU ONLY HAVE TO
LOOK AT THEM THE
WRONG WAY TO FIND A
DAGGER BETWEEN YOUR
RIBS! YOU WERE LUCKY
TO ESCAPE WITH
YOUR LIFE!



THAT'S NOT
EXACTLY A COMFORT
RIGHT NOW! IF YOU'RE
HERE TO HELP, I COULD
USE A LOAN. THEY
CLEANED ME OUT.

NOT A CHANCE.
MADAM NAOMI
STILL CARES ABOUT
YOU, BUT YOU
USED UP ALL YOUR
FAVOURS WITH US
LONG AGO.



HOW AM
I SUPPOSED
TO LIVE?

WORK,
LIKE THE REST
OF US!

ON YOUR
BACKS? IT'S
ON TOP OR
NOTHING
FOR ME!



YOU NEED TO TAKE
BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF,
ALADDIN. NOT SO LONG AGO,
YOU WERE A SWEET BOY BUT
NOW, YOU'VE BECOME SLY
AND BITTER.

THIS ISN'T THE
LIFE FOR YOU. IT'LL
CHEW YOU UP AND
SPIT YOU OUT. LEAVE
YOU A SHELL OF
A MAN.



FINE, BE LIKE THAT! I DON'T NEED YOU! I HAVE FRIENDS!

WHO? YOU'VE CONNED, DOUBLE-CROSSED AND CHEATED EVERYONE YOU KNOW!



GO TO HELL! GO TO HELL AND BE DAMNED, ALL OF YOU!



HERE, THIS SHOULD COVER THE DAMAGE.

CAPTAIN SINBAD, YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

HE DOESN'T DESERVE PITY.



THE BOY'S LOST. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO HE IS OR WHERE HE CAME FROM. HE'S TRYING TO FIND HIS PLACE IN THE WORLD, BUT HE'S WALKING UNDER A DIRE SHADOW...

"ONLY HE CAN SAVE HIMSELF.
HE NEEDS TO GET A HOLD
OF HIS LIFE BEFORE THE
DARKNESS CONSUMES HIM."





DON'T PLAY
COY WITH ME, BOY!
I AM OFFERING YOU
AS MUCH TREASURE
AS YOU CAN CARRY,
ALL FOR BARELY
A MORNING'S
WORK!



IF YOU'RE
SERIOUS,
HOW ABOUT
SOMETHING ON
ACCOUNT?



AN ACT
OF GOOD
FAITH? VERY
WELL...



HHH...



HOW DID
YOU...?

IT IS
NOTHING, A
TRIFLE...



"NOW, DO WE
HAVE AN ACCORD?"

YOU SAID THIS
WAS HALF A DAY'S
WORK! WE'VE BEEN
TRAVELLING FOR THREE!
WHERE ARE WE,
ANYWAY?

ON THE SITE
OF THE MOST
FABULOUS CITY
THE WORLD HAD
EVER SEEN...THE
FIRST CITY.



THE CITY OF
THE ARAMASPI...
THE CITY OF
SORCERERS!

IF YOU
SAY SO.



HERE.
THIS IS WHERE
WE BEGIN!

IT'S
A DEAD
END?

NOT
TO ME!



WHAT IS
THAT?

A
LOCK.

SO
WHERE'S
THE KEY?



PLACE
YOUR HAND
UPON IT.

WHY?



BECAUSE
I SAID SO!



IT'S
WARM!



HOW IS THIS
POSSIBLE?

RRUMMMMMMBLE

IT IS OF
NO MATTER!
NOW, YOU
REMEMBER THE
DIRECTIONS
I GAVE
YOU?

















WE
HAD A
DEAL!

AND ITS CONDITIONS
ARE FULFILLED! I HAVE
THE LAMP; YOU HAVE AS
MUCH TREASURE AS
YOU CAN BEAR.

HOWEVER,
I DID NOT STIPULATE
WHETHER YOU WOULD
LIVE LONG ENOUGH
TO SPEND IT.



GRAHHGH!

NNNH!

AHUI-AHUI-
AHUIH!



SS
SSSSSSSSSS



RHHH
looo



BY ALL
THAT'S SAINTED
AND HOLY!



IT'S A PITY, REALLY, THAT THE HERITAGE YOU ARE KIN TO, IS WASTED ON SUCH AN IMBECILIC STREET-SCUM AS YOU!



NGHHH!



THIS STREET-SCUM ALSO HAPPENS TO BE THE BEST PICKPOCKET IN SHAMBHALLA!

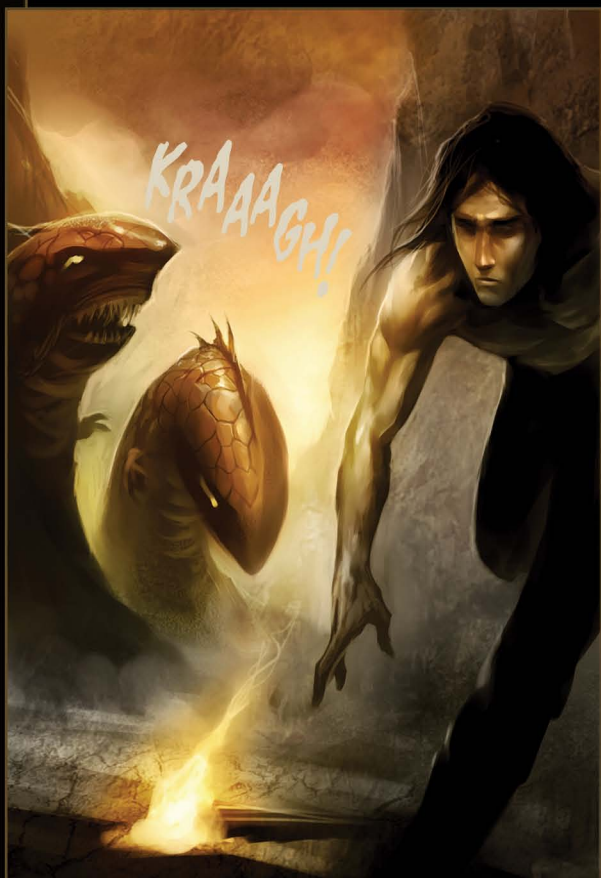
A VAIN EFFORT, BOY!



KHSSSAA!

THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN! YOUR TIME IS DONE!

HKSSS!



SHUDDUMM

YAAHHH!

SHHKRUMMBLE

Noooo!

WHO'S
THE IMBECILE
NOW, EH?

AH!



THERE'S
GOT TO BE
ANOTHER WAY
OUT OF
HERE...



ONLY
ONE WAY
TO FIND
OUT.



WHOA!
TOO
CLOSE...

CRUNCH



NO SECOND
CHANCES DOWN
HERE!



SKNIKK









OH,
NO...

SNIKKA
SNIKK-SNAKK



GET
AWAY!

KHSSSS...



KHITT-KHITT! KHIII!
SNAKK! SNIKK!

WHAT I
WOULDN'T GIVE
FOR A GOOD
SWORD RIGHT
NOW!



THE LAMP!
THERE SHOULD
BE OIL IN IT!



COME
ON! JUST A
LITTLE...!



GAH!
USELESS
THING! YOU'RE
NO GOOD TO
ANYONE!



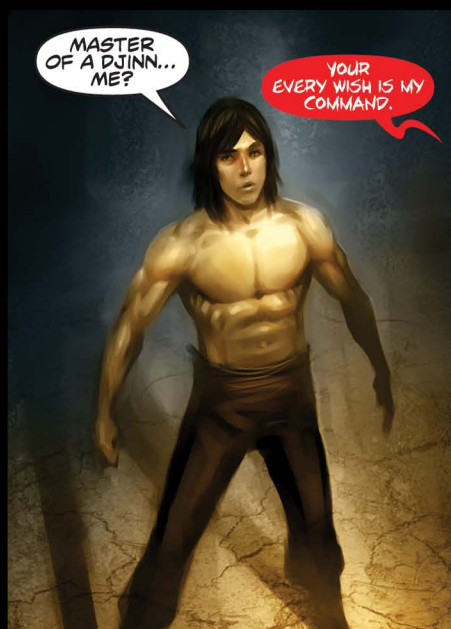
FASHOOOM!

UHHH!



WHO
SUMMONS ME
FORTH?





SHAMBHALLA.





BUT... BUT...
WHO? HOW...
WHEN?

I CANNOT SAY,
HIGHNESS. ALL I KNOW
IS THAT ONE SECOND
IT WAS NOT THERE,
THEN IN THE BLINK OF
AN EYE - IT WAS!

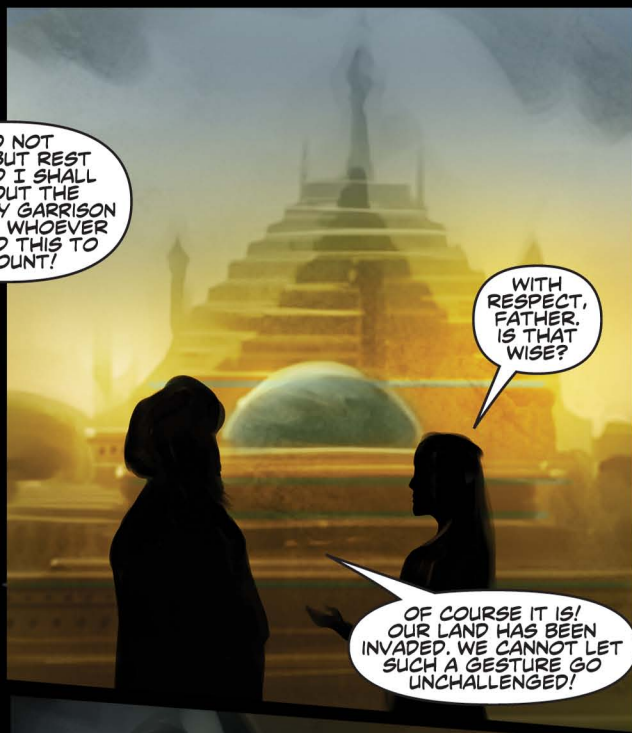
FATHER,
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?
WHERE DID
IT COME
FROM?

AH, ALESHA,
MY DEAREST,
DARLING GIRL! DO
NOT DISTRESS
YOURSELF!



I WAS WATCHING FROM MY WINDOW. IT APPEARED IN AN INSTANT! HOW CAN SUCH A THING BE?

I DO NOT KNOW, BUT REST ASSURED I SHALL TURN OUT THE ENTIRE CITY GARRISON TO BRING WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS TO ACCOUNT!



WITH RESPECT, FATHER. IS THAT WISE?

OF COURSE IT IS! OUR LAND HAS BEEN INVADED. WE CANNOT LET SUCH A GESTURE GO UNCHALLENGED!



WE HAVE NOT BEEN INVADED... YET, AND I DOUBT WE WILL BE. TO MAKE SUCH A STRUCTURE APPEAR THUS, IMPLIES ITS LORD UNDOUBTEDLY HAS ACCESS TO A SORCERER'S SKILLS, OR IS ONE HIM...OR HERSELF.

IF THEY WISHED TO INVAD, I DARE SAY THEY WOULD HAVE ALREADY DONE SO. EITHER WAY, IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO ANNOY THEM.

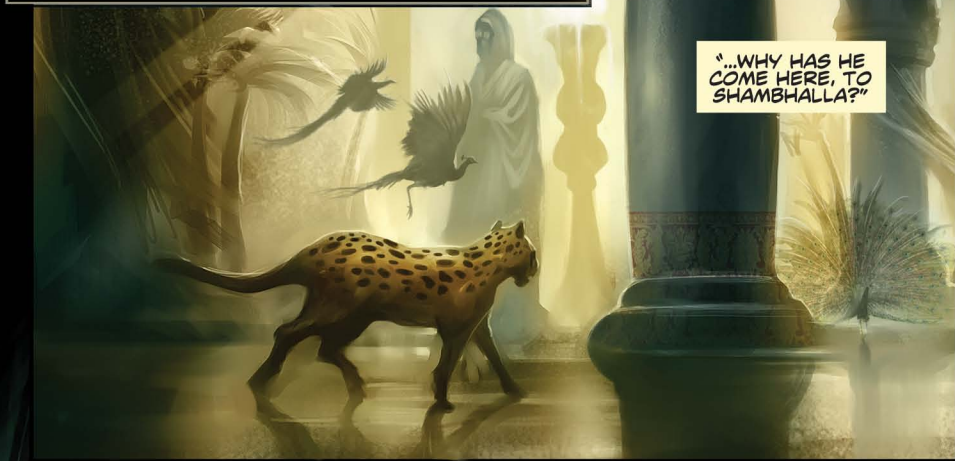


SHE HAS A POINT!

A MIND AND WIT AS KEEN AS A BLADE, JUST LIKE HER POOR, LATE MOTHER.




THERE IS ONE THING, THOUGH...





"WHAT DOES HE WANT FROM US?"

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